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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE FOR CUBAN CHARTER FLIGHTS

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1. IN ORDER TO CLEAR UP ANY POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE NUMBER OF FLIGHTS CUBANA CAN MAKE TO THE U.S., THE CHANNEL FOR SOLICITING CLEARANCES, ARRANGING FUEL AND GROUND SERVICE, AND THE LIKE, DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THAT CUBANA OFFICIALS COME TO WASHINGTON FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH PROPER OFFICIALS HERE.

2. CONCERNING THE LIMITATION OF SIX CHARTER FLIGHTS PER YEAR, CAB ADVISES THAT CUBANA OR ANY FOREIGN CARRIER CAN ONLY OPERATE SIX CHARTER FLIGHTS OF A CERTAIN TYPE PER YEAR BEFORE GETTING IN COMPLIANCE WITH CAB REGULATIONS WHICH APPLY TO ALL FOREIGN CARRIERS.

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3. CUBANA HAS A FOREIGN AIR CARRIER PERMIT WHICH IT HAS NOT RPT NOT ACTIVATED. CAB REPORTS THAT CUBANA NEEDS TO UPDATE ITS PASSENGER AND CARGO LIABILITY INSURANCE, UPDATE ITS TARIFFS ON FILE WITH THE CAB, AND FILE A SECURITY DOCUMENT FOR THE PROTECTION OF CUSTOMERS' CHARTER DEPOSITS ON FLIGHTS

ORIGINATING IN THE U.S. ONCE CUBANA FULFILLS THESE REQUIRE-

MENTS IT MAY PERFORM COMMON CARRIAGE CHARTER FLIGHTS BETWEEN U.S. AND CUBA WITHOUT ANY LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER PER YEAR. UNTIL IT MEETS THESE REQUIREMENTS CUBANA CAN OPERATE ONLY UNDER THE PRIVATE COMMERCIAL CARRIAGE CIVIL AVIATION RULES WHICH HAS A LIMITATION OF SIX FLIGHTS PER CALENDAR YEAR. ANY FLIGHTS IT MIGHT MAKE TO SUPPORT ITS INTERESTS SECTION WOULD NOT FALL WITHIN THE SIX-FLIGHT LIMITATION. (SINCE THE RECENT FLIGHT TO HOUSTON AND MILWAUKEE WAS CONSIDERED TO BE FOR STATE PURPOSES, CUBANA HAS ONLY USED UP THREE OF SIX ALLOWABLE FLIGHTS IN 1977.)

4. CONCERNING COMMENT THAT CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD ROUTINELY APPROVED "SCORES" OF AMERICAN BUSINESS CORPORATION FLIGHTS, THESE AD HOC FLIGHTS ARE CONSIDERED AS PRIVATE USE FLIGHTS AND ARE DISTINGUISHABLE FROM PRIVATE COMMERCIAL CARRIAGE REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH THREE IN THAT IN THE LATTER THE CARRIER IS PAID FOR ITS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES. CLEARANCE IS NOT RPT NOT REQUIRED FROM THE CAB FOR PRIVATE USE FLIGHTS. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES, HOWEVER, THAT CUBA IS NOT LIKELY TO HAVE PRIVATELY OWNED AIRPLANES.

5. CAB IS NOT RPT NOT HOOKED UP TO THE AFTN SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATION, WHICH IS USED BY THE FAA FOR RECEIVING AND TRANSMITTING TECHNICAL OPERATING INFORMATION, SUCH AS FLIGHT PLANS. AFTN IS NOT RPT NOT FOR APPLICATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL OPERATING AUTHORITY FROM THE CAB.
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6. CAB HAS ITS OWN COMMERCIAL TELEX SYSTEM WHICH IS CAPABLE OF RECEIVING APPLICATIONS, AND WHICH CAN BE USED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE AFTN. CAB'S DIRECT TELEX NUMBER IS 892415, RPT, 892415. APPLICATIONS CAN BE ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF OPERATING RIGHTS, BUT CAB CAN ONLY TELEX RESPONSES TO APPLICATIONS DIRECTLY TO CUBANA VIA WESTERN UNION. FOR THIS PURPOSE CAB NEEDS A PREPAID, THIRTY-DOLLAR VOUCHER, OR THE NAME OF A REPRESENTATIVE OR AGENT IN THE U.S. TO WHOM THE COST OF A TELEGRAPHIC REPLY CAN BE CHARGED.

7. CONCERNING FUEL, THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WILL ALLOCATE THE NECESSARY FUEL WHEN CAB APPROVES CUBANA'S FLIGHTS. REFERENCE TO "ADDITIONAL FUEL ALLOCATIONS" IS A PRE-CAUTIONARY STATEMENT TO ASSURE THAT NO PARTICULAR CARRIER USES TOO MUCH FUEL.

8. INTERESTS SECTION MAY DRAW UPON FOREGOING TO THE EXTENT IT IS USEFUL. AT SAME TIME WE WOULD HOPE THAT CUBANA OFFICIALS CAN COME TO WASHINGTON FOR MORE THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF HIGHLY TECHNICAL SUBJECT. VANCE

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